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Careers Day a Huge Success

BY JUSTIN BORNTRAEGER, 11B

The purpose of Careers Day is to demonstrate, hands-on, how current choices and attitudes influence future options in the working world. Thanks to the amazing organization of Blanca Baquero, Administrative Assistant, Secondary School, Careers Day was a hit with the Selwyn students. The two-day event began the morning of March 5, with groups leaving to visit adults at their place of work. The Grade 10 boys were supervised while those in Grade 11 were unaccompanied for the first time ever. This year's event was particularly interesting, with the Grade 11 options ranging from stock brokers to radio sportscasters. I was in a group of three which spoke for an enjoyable hour and a half with Mr. Rosenstein, a TV producer, who gave us pragmatic advice concerning career choices. Indeed, we learned more about the workplace than would ever be possible in school - precisely why these sessions are so valuable. On the following day, six professionals visited SHS to speak about their jobs. Again, all students from Grades 10 and 11 participated and received the speakers well. The talks included entertaining descriptions of the speakers' every-day lives in their chosen fields. Careers Day was a refreshingly practical and beneficial experience.

Mr. Christopher Brown (SHS parent), Mr. Bernard Smith (SHS parent), and Grade 11 students: Philippe Robinson, Mark Mulroney, Nicholas Baass, and Yan Besner at Dorval's Air Traffic Control Tower

Hands-on Experience Solidifies Career Choices

"I must say I was overwhelmed by the amount of information Mr. Dac Thang Nguyen (of Stone Consolidated) provided because his presentation opened up (for me) the real world of business computer communications."

Alexei Anikine 10B

"The criminal trial was, for me, the highlight of the entire visit... (and) while it may not have convinced me to set my ambition on becoming a judge, (it) certainly gave me a glimpse of the responsibilities involved in being one."

Misha Auerbach-Ziogas, 10B

"Mr. John Brooke (a free-lance writer) dissuaded us of the myth that writing is a glamorous lifestyle... (but) confirmed that it is still enjoyable, the act of creation still satisfying."

Emlyn Gittens, 11C

"We saw an endoplasty operation in progress. What I enjoyed most about the day was our time in the emergency room and that we got to analyze X-rays and CAT-scans."

Mike Durcak, 10B

"The captains kept up under a constant barrage of questions while the group visited both the inside of a commercial jet, and the inside of an Air Traffic Control Tower."

Philippe Robinson, 11B

School News

Education Takes Top Priority

BY MARIA TRATT

Selwyn House is extremely pleased to announce that on the night of March 5, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Academic Committee to open a second kindergarten for September 1996.

The concept was always a component of Selwyn's strategic plan, even when its first kindergarten welcomed the school's youngest students back in the fall of 1994.

Mr. William Mitchell is confident that the planned expansion will better meet the needs of prospective parents by addressing a major contemporary concern.

With the demand for a more comprehensive education at the primary level on the rise, the expansion of the existing kindergarten is crucial, and, with the acquisition of the Fire Station still on hold, there could be no further delay.

When the renovations scheduled for this summer are completed, 30-32 kindergarten positions will be available, a figure that almost doubles the current number. Furthermore, the maximum enrollment for Grade 1 is 38-40. Therefore, each year, there would be 6-8 places available for new students.

Creating one-and-a-half teaching positions, the second kindergarten will be housed in the music room which, in turn, will be relocated to a larger and improved space in the basement of 442 Argyle.

The kindergarten's inception, while reflective of Selwyn's mandate, is also indicative of a larger trend. Education is of highest priority to parents, who now are requesting the same academically rigorous and enriched programme for their 5-year-olds as SHS has successfully provided at all its higher levels.

Volunteering Their Time Made it Possible

Selwyn House would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies and individuals for their time and cooperation in making Careers Day '96 such a success.

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Deux oursons à la maternelle

photo par: Claudine Martel

Dodo à l'école, le jeudi 7 mars

PAR CLAUDINE MARTEL

Quelles aventures nous avons vécues pendant deux semaines à la maternelle! Tout d'abord, nous avons accueilli dans notre classe et dans nos maisons deux oursons venant de Paris: Antoine et Marius. Il fallait en prendre bien soin et ne pas oublier de remplir leur journal de voyage. Ils ont participé à toutes nos activités et ont même appris quelques mots d'anglais. À la fin de leur séjour, nous avons tous passé la nuit à l'école. Tout le monde était excité et la soirée a été remplie d'activités. Après une nuit bien spéciale, nous avons tous fait nos adieux aux oursons qui prenaient l'avion cette journée-là. Les enfants de la maternelle garderont sûrement de précieux souvenirs de la visite des deux oursons.

Gros becs sucrés à tous!

PAR NATHALIE SIMARD

Dans le cadre du programme de français, les garçons de la maternelle, de la première et de la deuxième années ont eu l'opportunité de se rassasier en sucre d'érable lors de leur visite à la Sucrerie de la montagne, le 5 mars dernier. Cette visite a débuté par une promenade en carriole, dans les bois. Par la suite, les propriétaires de la sucrerie nous ont fait visiter leur site. Ils en ont profité pour nous expliquer la transformation de l'eau en sirop et le fonctionnement du matériel nécessaire à sa fabrication.

Le dîner fut sans contredit le moment le plus apprécié de tous. D'abord, nous avons mangé un repas typique du temps des sucres arrosé, bien sûr, de succulent sirop d'érable. Nous avons digéré le tout en dansant énergiquement au rythme d'une musique endiablée accompagnée d'un chanteur et de danseurs du tonnerre. Les étables en ont tremblé.

Le silence et le calme sont vite revenus dès que nous sommes sortis à l'extérieur pour manger notre délicieuse tire sur la neige. Une journée qui finit bien!

Cette journée fut fantastique et elle m'a permis de fraterniser une dernière fois avec les élèves de première et de deuxième années avant le retour de leur professeure de français, Madame Lacroix-Maillette. Je profite du privilège qui m'est prêté, soit la plume journalistique, pour leur souhaiter une très bonne fin d'année scolaire et beaucoup de plaisir.

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Elementary School Certificates

It has indeed been another fine term, and congratulations go out to all students meriting the awards below. In the Selwyn House tradition, they are a tribute to us and serve as an inspiration to their classmates.

Band B Awards

Positive Attitude and Commitment Toward Learning
Valter Pinchiaroli (3A), Ben Albright (3A), Alexis Youssef (3B), David Grey (3B), Simon Buszard (4A), Lawrence Lin (4B)

Responsible Attitude Towards Himself and Others
Chris Deruchie (3A), Chris Brun (3B), David Smucker (3B), Henry Walter (4A), Thomas Spencer (4B)

Band A Awards

Progrès remarquables en français
Willy Harris, Maternelle

Influence positive sur la classe
Dylan Brophy, Maternelle

Curiosité intellectuelle
Simon Johnsson-Werner

Positive Influence in the Classroom
Philip Tsoukas (1A), Jason Leopold (1B), Charles Fortin (2A), Morgan Sweibel (2B)

Intellectual Curiosity
Dino Zammit (1A), Kyle Burrows (1B), Raymond Lau (2A), Olivier Saleh (2B)

Band C Awards

Progrès remarquables en français
Jeffrey Yip (5A), Adam Samuelson (5A), Ed Cho (5B), Marco Viglione (5B), Patrick Chuang (6A), Jordan Feil (6A), Bobby Connolly (6B), Will Esdaile (6B)

Attitude positive face à l'apprentissage
Philip Lebel (5A), Aaron Kuczer (5A), Bobby Chon (5B), Boule Nguyen (5B), Brian Walter (6A), Tom Constantinescu (6A), Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas (6B), Andrew Cleland (6B), Stojan Stojanowski (6B)

Esprit de coopération
Najib Sallman (5A), Adam Sternthal (5B), Nathan Vexler (5B), Adam Rozencwajg (6A), Jonas Naimark (6A), Rayan Kaedbey (6A), Chris Churchill-Smith (6B), Jon-Ian Lui (6B)

Jamie Barnoff Wins at Junior Public Speaking Assembly

BY MARIA TRATT

Selwyn House's Junior Public Speaking Assembly was held this year on March 7 in the Lucas Gym with Grades 4 and 5 competing to an attentive audience comprised of teachers, parents, the Headmaster, classmates, and Grade 3 students.

All twelve participants fared well, delivering speeches on a myriad of different topics and in just as many tones. Jamie Barnoff captured first place with his moving and mature address on divorce, managing to introduce a little humour at the very end. Harry Marshall and Arun Khanna were awarded second and third prize respectively.

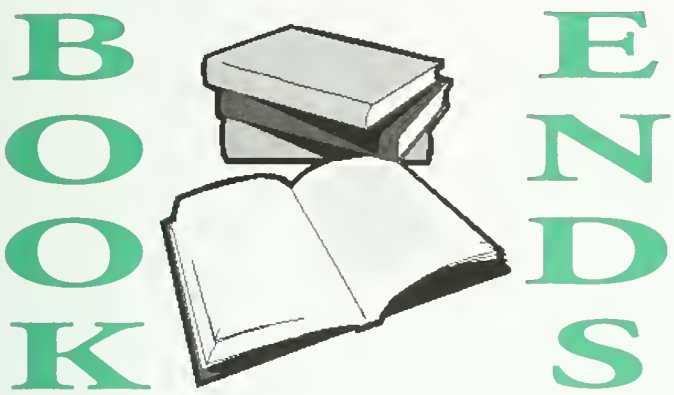
All three winners were at ease and spoke at relaxed speeds, characteristics that Mrs. Ferguson, who judged the event with Mrs. Lord, mentioned were necessary for future success in public speaking.

photo by Maria Tratt

Mrs. Ferguson congratulates Jamie Barnoff, 5B.

ARTS

Valentine Surprise



BY VIRGINIA FERGUSON

On February 14, a heartfelt Valentine Surprise was bestowed on Westmount Public Library as a thank you for always being there for SHS with extra materials and reference skills. Acting as Selwyn House School representatives were Mrs. Ferguson, Ms. Viau, and three of her Grade 4 readers: Ross Stemmler, Martin O'Donovan, and Pierre Geoffrion. They delivered the gift of Rupert the Reader Bear (a Ms. Viau creation decked out in SHS blazer, school tie, Veritas pin, Gryphon athletic cap, and holding a red satin heart proclaiming "SHS READS), $100.00 in rolled coins, and three giant Valentine cards made and signed by the Elementary School.

The gifts were the result of three weeks of hard work from our library staff who collected over $140.00 in quarters from the students, storing the donations in a large bear shaped cookie container.

Mrs. Ferguson received a beautiful letter of thanks from Ms. Joanne Stanbridge, Westmount Children's Librarian, in which she mentioned that SHS will soon be invited to view the plaque being placed on the back of one of the library's new oak chairs in honour of the school's efforts.

A big thanks to all participants in the Feed the Bear campaign!

In other news, February 25 marked our annual wine and cheese party in honour of our 27 volunteers at which Mrs. Ferguson discussed her favorite recent reading. Mr. James McMillan returned from a visit to Microsoft with at least a dozen new CD-ROMS for the library, and we are currently preparing for next month's Spring Book Fair. This year, Babar Books, Livres Champigny, and Paragraphe Books will be participating in the festivities during Open House, May 2 and 3.

The Artist's Corner - Inuit Influence

BY ELLEN PINCHUK

For the first time ever, Selwyn House students have been given the opportunity to work with soapstone. Both senior art groups, the Arts option class and the Art matric classes, are in the midst of sculpting the stones.

We start with a raw piece of soapstone, direct from the mines, as would the Inuit. The arts option class is doing reliefs on flat, thin stones. After looking at pictures of Inuit sculptures and drawings, the boys draw their designs on either or both sides of the stone. They then carve around the designs to create the relief effect. Flat screwdrivers and other tools, even nails, are used. Reliefs have to be made quite deep, as sanding and polishing remove depth.

The larger chunks of stone used by the Art matric class are shaped using files, hammers and screwdrivers. By looking carefully into the stone, the students discover what is to be carved depending on its shape.

When the boys are satisfied with their shapes and designs, they sand the stones with different grades of wet and dry sandpaper until most of the scratches disappear. The stones are then polished with a non-toxic gel that brings out the natural colours and grains.

The result is a sculpture that will be prized by the students and their families.

FRANÇAIS

Pour publication immédiate!

PAR LUCIE ANDREOLI

C'est une première à l'école! Eh oui! Pour la première fois, l'école Selwyn House sera représentée à l'Expo-Sciences Bell, finale régionale du primaire de Montréal au mois de mai. Depuis le mois de janvier, des élèves de la 3e à la 5e année ont mis sur pied des projets scientifiques. Ces élèves sont des passionnés de sciences et ils ont voulu partager leurs connaissances avec des curieux qui ont soif d'apprendre de nouvelles choses.

Pour sélectionner les deux projets qui représenteront l'école Selwyn House, une expo-sciences locale s'est tenue les 5 et 6 mars derniers. Du SIDA au magnétisme, en passant par l'énergie solaire ou les dédales de l'ordinateur, les visiteurs ont reçu une panoplie d'informations.

Les deux projets sélectionnés pour l'Expo-Sciences Bell sont:

Philippe Lebel (5A) et son projet sur le SIDA;

Anshuman Saksena (3A) et son projet sur le magnétisme.

Je vous invite à venir les rencontrer les 2, 3, et 4 mai à l'aréna Mont-Royal, 4365, rue Cartier à Montréal.

Bravo à tous les participants qui ont fait un travail exceptionnel et à l'an prochain!

photo par Lucie

Aaron Mosher-Kuczer, 5A, avec son projet La Bicymobile.

Une soirée de hockey

PAR EDOUARD ROBERT-MORIN (7C) ET MATTHEW GORE (7B)

La classe de septième année de français langue maternelle avec Mme Allard-Coutu au Forum.

La septième année de français langue maternelle a planifié une sortie au Forum de Montréal le soir où le Tricolore affrontait l'équipe des Canucks de Vancouver. Tout avait été organisé et la classe de Mme Allard-Coutu est sortie au Forum, le mercredi 10 janvier 1996.

Nous nous sommes rencontrés au coin des rues Ste-Catherine et Atwater. Quand nous étions tous là, nous sommes entrés au Forum. Nos sièges étaient situés dans la section bleue et les joueurs de hockey étaient bien visibles. Pendant les entractes, nous avons acheté de la nourriture et nous sommes allés à la salle de bain. La partie se termina en prolongation et les équipes finirent avec le même pointage. Après le match, nos parents ou les parents de nos amis sont venus nous reconduire chez nous.

La raison pour laquelle notre classe est allée au Forum c'est qu'elle a étudié quatre livres qui se basent sur le hockey. Ces livres s'intitulent: *Les Hockeyeurs Cybernétiques, L'idole des Inactifs, Le retour des Inactifs* et *La révolte des Inactifs*. Cette sortie a été bien appréciée par toute la classe. Nous remercions beaucoup notre professeure et son mari, car ils ont sacrifié leur temps pour que notre classe ait du plaisir. D'ailleurs, la classe de français langue enrichie ira au Centre Molson, le lundi 25 mars prochain. Nous leur souhaitons une excellente soirée.

FRANÇAIS

Échange franco-canadien

BY NANCY ALLARD-COUTU

On February 15, 1996, 14 French students and 2 teachers arrived at Selwyn House from Rouen, France to partake in a two-week student exchange. What was once a hazy educational notion became a reality for a second time, and I am proud to say that L'Échange Franco-Canadien between SHS and Les Cours Notre Dame was once again a success. This success is due in large part to Canadian and French families who willingly billet foreign students in their homes. Although it is true that these families live an unforgettable international experience by hosting a foreign student, extra planning, grocery shopping, car pooling, and weekend scheduling is essential on their part if everything is to run smoothly. Those of us responsible for L'Échange know that after a full day of activities and sight-seeing, the students (whether on Canadian or French ground) will return to the comfort and security of a welcoming home, and this is of the utmost importance. Families are indeed the backbone and strength of these cultural exchanges. For this reason I thank them most sincerely.

I am often asked why I choose to travel with a dozen or so students during my summer holiday. My answer is simply that learning through travel creates a whole new cultural perspective for students and teachers alike. Cultural exchanges enhance the making of a solid global classroom, which in itself, allows the student to break away from traditional learning and to witness first hand what he has been studying in his history, geography, French and English classes. As our Headmaster so clearly stated in his speech at the Welcoming Reception for our French delegation on February 15:

"Les échanges culturels nous aident à mieux comprendre les interactions sociales et culturelles. Ils encouragent la mise en place d'une salle de classe "globale" qui en soit permet à l'étudiant d'aller au-delà de l'apprentissage traditionnel et d'être un témoin privilégié et de première ligne d'une façon unique d'apprendre. C'est ce en quoi nous croyons!"

Education should not be confined to the classroom. Student exchanges promote a powerful global perspective on education via travel. Perhaps most importantly, exchanges make students conscious of their country's place in the international community, and proud to belong to a world that seeks to diminish cultural barriers between nations.

Mrs. Tsoukas and her French billet Laetitia Muelle.

photo by: Sharon Cazens

Les participants à l'échange franco-canadien.

La dixième année au théâtre

PAR JASJEET MINHAS, 10A

Le mardi 23 février dernier, toutes les classes de français de la dixième année se sont rendues à la Maison de la culture Frontenac pour y voir une version de la pièce *La Magnifique Aventure de Denis St-Onge* de Louis-Dominique Lavigne présentée par le Théâtre Petit-à-Petit.

Voici quelques pensées de la classe de Mme Rocheleau:

- C'était assez vraisemblable (Adam Benjamin);

- Il n'y avait pas de symbolisme à première vue et ça change après. C'est bien parce que ça laisse la place à l'interprétation personnelle (Marco Gagliano);

- J'ai beaucoup aimé les effets spéciaux surtout l'explosion nucléaire à la fin (David O'Brien);

- Je trouve que le personnage principal, Denis St-Onge, n'était pas assez développé psychologiquement. On comprenait l'évolution seulement grâce à la mise en scène. (Thomas Sontag).

CARNIVAL

Carnival 1996

Mont-Blanc

PAR JOSH WOLFE, 5B

Dans le cadre du Carnaval, les élèves de la cinquième et de la sixième années sont allés skier au Mont-Blanc, le jeudi 8 mars 1996. Josh Wolfe nous raconte cette journée extraordinaire:

"C'est la journée de ski et nous sommes arrivés au Mont-Blanc. Il fait beau. Il y a du soleil, ce n'est pas froid et il neige un peu. On a descendu environ sept pistes différentes avant l'heure du déjeuner.

J'ai mangé de la poutine, un Coke et une tablette de chocolat dans la cafétéria avec Adam, Scott, Aaron et Eitaro. Il n'y avait pas beaucoup de personnes là.

Après avoir quitté la cafétéria, il neigeait, mais pas trop. Sur la montagne, les pistes étaient belles et faciles pour moi. Le remonte-pente était un peu lent.

Pour moi, j'ai aimé la journée de ski et j'ai hâte à l'année prochaine!"

Horizon Roc: une sortie à ne pas oublier!

PAR CHRISTOPHER MAUGHAN, 8C

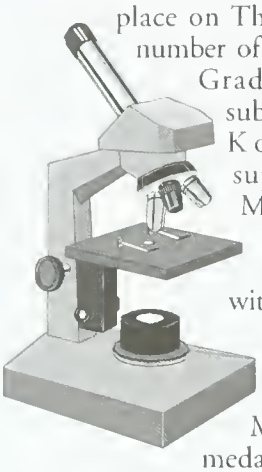
Le jeudi 8 février, la classe de 8e année langue maternelle est allée à Horizon Roc, un centre d'escalade intérieur. Après avoir lu le livre *Premier de cordée* de Frison-Roche, cette petite excursion nous a aidé à mieux comprendre les techniques et stratégies mentionnées dans le livre.

Rendus là-bas, des experts en escalade nous ont appris à mettre l'équipement, à attacher les cordes et à utiliser les techniques les plus sécuritaires. Nous étions finalement prêts à escalader les murs. L'escalade est une expérience inoubliable. Arriver au sommet, se retourner et voir ses amis 20 mètres plus bas... c'est incroyable! Merci à Mme Corroni qui a organisé le voyage pour nous.

Middle School News

A Record Number of Projects in the Science Fair

BY MIKE DOWNEY



At the sixth annual Grade 7 Science Fair which took place on Thursday, February 15, a record number of projects was entered: 46 at the Grade 7 level and another eight submissions from Grade 8. Luke Kozinski's project on superconductivity and Richard Muise's project on the Concorde, were this year's two gold medal winners. They, along with Matthew Gore, Vidal Sadaka (both silver medal winners), Sean Salusbury, Orestes Tsoukas, David How, and Matthew Riggs (all four bronze medal recipients) later competed in the Montreal Regional Science Fair, hosted at Loyola High School on March 24, 25, and 26.

Grade 8 Dines in Medieval Style

BY MATTHEW BUSBRIDGE & TIMOTHY DOBBY, 8A

On the night of March 6, the Grade 8 students of Selwyn House and Trafalgar schools assembled for the annual Medieval Banquet. After changing and preparing, we filed into the very colourfully decorated hall at Trafalgar. Once seated, we were treated to broth, grapes, cheese, and cider. We were then served bread, hen, and vegetables. We were attended by very courteous stewards and maids. Throughout the meal, we enjoyed various skits, speeches and musical presentations given by students from both schools.

Finally, our third course consisted of various sweets, cakes, and other desserts.

On behalf of all Grade 8, we would like to thank Mr. Martin, Mr. Nicoll, and Mr. Nincheri for making this banquet an enjoyable and educational one. Thanks also go out to the teachers and administration of both schools, all of Trafalgar, for their efforts, and the parent volunteers for their time and patience.

All students appreciated this opportunity to show their talent and creativity, and they are to be congratulated.

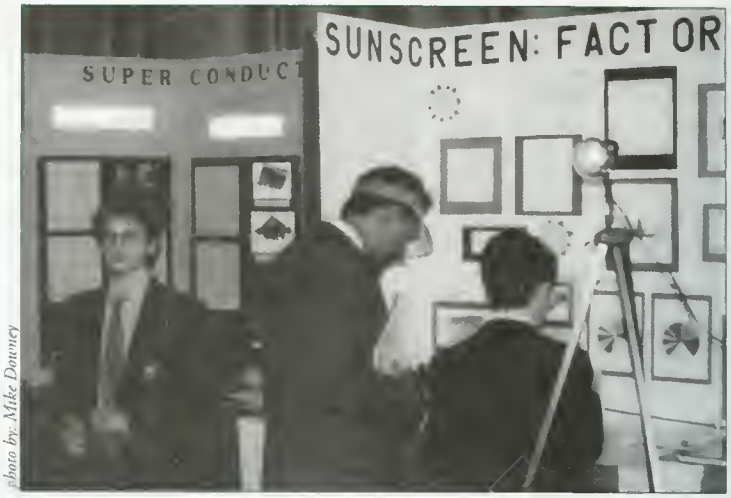


photo by: Mike Downey

Luke Kozinski, 7A (gold) and Matthew Gore, 7B (silver) at SHS

SHS Wins Big at the Montreal Regional Science Fair

Vidal Sadaka – Gold Medal
Eyeglasses Don't Help: ASPQ Award
Association des Professeurs de Sciences du Quebec:
Awarded to the best first time participant

Matthew Gore – Silver Medal
Sunscreen - Fact or Fallacy: MSC Award
Marianopolis Science Club Award

Sean Salusbury & Orestes Tsoukas – Silver Medal
Lightning & Static Electricity: Mc Eng Award
McGill Engineering Award:
Awarded to two of the best engineering projects

David How & Matthew Riggs – Silver Medal
The Liquid of Life: Mc-Mac Bio Award
Macdonald College Biology Award:
Awarded to the two best life science awards per level

Luke Kozinski – Bronze Medal
Superconductivity: JETS Award
Junior Engineering Technical Society Award

Richard Muise – Bronze Medal
The Concorde-Still the Fastest

What the Medals Mean

Gold Medal	Judges average of 95% +
Silver Medal	Judges average of 90% to 94%
Bronze Medal	Judges average of 85% to 89%

Grade 9 Drama Suits Up to Perform "Twelve Angry Men"

BY JORDAN GOLDWARG, 9C

In September, the thirteen students in Ms. Viau's Grade 9 Drama arts option chose to prepare for performance Reginald Rose's play, *Twelve Angry Men*. It was an ambitious decision, considering the play's difficult nature and its constant, rapid dialogue. We rehearsed for a few weeks during the Arts periods, then left for Christmas vacation. Upon our return, the intensity of rehearsal increased as opening night was only two weeks away. With Ms. Viau's help and the elimination of a few lines, we learned our parts at a rate none of us thought possible. By the time February 5 came around, we were all confident that the performance would be good and, despite a few minor hitches, it was, to the delight of an appreciative and attentive audience.

The hard work of preparation was made very worthwhile by the success of the performance. We are indebted to Ms. Viau for her encouragement and patience and we wish to thank her. It was a memorable experience, one in which we enjoyed taking part.

Selwyn Speaks Out to Win

BY KATHI BIGGS

Public speaking continues to flourish at SHS, with all years from Grade 3 up taking part in classroom competitions, and delegates from Grades 7-11 participating at the more rigorous level of the QAIS competitions. This year's Intermediate (Grade 9) competition was hosted by The Study on February 20, and Selwyn's representative Shoaib Rabbani took home 2nd place. Adrian Schauer represented SHS at the Senior level.

Morgan Lackman (11B) was one of two winners at the QSDA Public Speaking Tournament, held at Selwyn in December, to be chosen to travel to Winnipeg in February for the National Public Speaking Championships; unfortunately, he did not place in the final top three spots.

Persuasive, After Dinner, Impromptu, Extemporaneous, and Interpretive Reading are among the different speaking genres in which Selwyn students have participated.

Students are currently honing these skills for the up-coming Rotary competition in April. Good luck!

SENIOR SCOOL NEWS

Capital Gains

BY STUART SZABO, 11A

The thirty-ninth annual English Debating Society Tournament on the weekend of January 6 will be long remembered by four senior members of the Selwyn House Debating Union. Hosted by the University of Ottawa, our two teams, consisting of Mischa Auerbach-Ziogas with Carl Dholandas, and Chis Eich and I, arrived in the city by train and walked from out hotel to Parliament Hill. We took part in a tour of the House of Commons, Senate, and surrounding areas. One could not help but be fascinated, feeling as we did so close to Canada, our government, and the whole democratic process. By far the most spectacular part of the building is its library. The only portion of the original structure to survive the fire of 1916, it serves as a reminder of our heritage. These wonders were but a prelude to what lay ahead of us. Jacqui Drope, the executive assistant to Senator Deware and friend of senior debating coach James Stewart, gave out small group a tour of her office, which included the former desk of Canada's first female prime minister, Kim Campbell. Afterwards, we were introduced to the Honourable Gerald Beaudoin, a Conservative senator who has held office since 1993. A few minutes later, the highlight of our weekend occurred when we shook hands with Progressive Conservative Party leader Jean Charest. We chatted with him about the Royal Canadian Air Farce, the Conservative Party, and the former criminal lawyer even gave us a few tips on our upcoming debate. Walking away from the Parliament, we felt an unparalleled enthusiasm mixed with disbelief: none of us had brought a camera!

Having written our speeches well in advance, we retired early Friday night, waking up the next morning refreshed and full of vigour for the all-day tournament which consisted of one round of cross examination and three parliamentary rounds. Mischa and Carl turned in their usual brilliant performances, and Chris Eich, a new debater, laid the foundation for what promises to be a great debating career. As for me, this was quite a déjà vu. In the McGill debating tournament I was a rookie with a veteran debater by my side, but this time it was I who was the experienced debater helping out Chris. In all, it was a terrific weekend, and on behalf of the SHS Debating Union, I would like to thank Mr. Stewart for his time, patience, and experience.

Senior debating coach James Stewart reenacts the presentation of the trophy to Mischa Auerbach-Ziogas, 10B, who was ranked top speaker at the Senior Quebec Provincial Debating Championship hosted by St. George's School on February 29.

Hot at the Hog Line! Curling's Best Season Ever at Selwyn

BY JACK MARTIN

Following a highly successful season (13 wins - 5 losses), the school's Curling Team met Lachine High School in a semi-final 8-end match on February 26. One team, skipped by Henry Buszard (with Russell Fraser, Jonathan Simonetta, and Rob Vincent) put up a valiant battle, but were unable to prevail. On the other sheet of ice, Timofei Gapakov and his team (consisting of Stuart Szabo, Joseph Sep, and Richie Vincent) came from behind to win their game, thanks to some marvelous shot-making by all four players. Having both won and lost a game, Timofei's team was required to play an extra end. The score would not be settled until yet another end was played, as Timofei was unable to save his stone in taking out Lachine's counter, resulting in that end being blanked. Unfortunately, by this point the ice had become erratic, and we were not able to execute our shots as well as the opposition, consequently losing the game. Nonetheless, every bit of pride in our achievements remained intact. This has indeed been a fantastic year in curling, and I would like to thank all participants for their enthusiastic approach to the game.

Richie Vincent, 11A (left) & Stewart Szabo, 11A

Cross-Country Skiing Leads the Way

BY STEVE MITCHELL

Alan Sarhan, 11A, Mark Spielman, 11B, Justin Borntraeger, 11B, Tom Watt, 11C, Coach Brad Moffat, and Noah Bloom, 11C

The Selwyn House Cross-Country Skiing programme completed another successful season by capturing two GMAA Team Championships.

The bantam team accumulated a total point advantage as a result of outstanding performances from Alexander Bellemare-Davis, David Cameron, Tim Dobby, and Jon Hewitt. The boys placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively.

The Midget Championship was seized through the stalwart efforts of Jordan Goldwarg and Michael O'Gorman, who took 1st and 2nd place.

Honourable mention goes to Noah Bloom, who finished 3rd in the Juvenile division.

A lot of credit goes to coach Brad Moffat who shares his energy, expertise, and love of the sport with each student. Mr. Moffat stands alone as one of the top high school cross-country ski coaches in Quebec, and we are proud of his accomplishments with Selwyn House.

Sports

Overtime Victory

BY STEVE MITCHELL

The 11th annual varsity hockey tournament, held at the Verdun Auditorium the first Friday and Saturday in February, hosted eight high schools from Quebec and Ontario.

After Friday's qualifying round, only the teams of LCC, Loyola, MacDonald Cartier, and Centennial Regional advanced to the championship round.

The final game was an example of very determined and disciplined play between Greenfield Park's Centennial Regional and Lower Canada College from NDG. In an exciting game, LCC scored four minutes into overtime to upset Centennial 2-1.

The Varsity Gryphons had a disappointing first-day match against the champions, losing to LCC by a score of 7-1. They rallied back on Saturday to defeat the otherwise strong team of Howard S. Billings 3-1, only to lose to Alexander Galt 5-0 in the consolation final.

Centennial Captain receives finalist banner from Mr. Wm. Mitchell & Mr. S. Mitchell.

Strong Finish for Varsity Hockey at Centennial

BY STEVE MITCHELL

On a more positive note, the varsity team played extremely tough hockey in the Centennial Regionals three weeks later, winning both games played on Friday, February 23 against Loyola and Lower Canada, scoring 5-4 and 5-2 respectively. Played back-to-back, the games were a testimonial to the Gryphons' sense of team defense, one that lasted them into the semi-finals when the talented MacDonald Cartier players defeated us by only 2-1.

The senior team finished their season with victories over Stanstead College (10-2) and Centennial Academy (9-2).

I, along with fellow coach Tom Nicoll, are pleased with the year's performances and wish all our hockey grads good luck in their future endeavours.

Bantam Hockey Tournaments Successful

Bantam Champions - Loyola High School

BY STEVE MITCHELL

Hosted by Selwyn House on Friday, February 2nd at the Verdun Annex, the bantam hockey tournament was attended by LCC, Loyola, St. George's (Toronto), and our own baby Gryphons.

Falling short only a few goals, our team's performance is to be praised in a championship that pitted the powerful Loyola Warriors against the Lions of LCC. After two scoreless periods and sensational plays by both goal tenders, the Warriors finally put one in the net with less than two minutes left of regulation play.

Many thanks go out to coaches Pat Shannon and James Stewart who organized the event.

Sports

Senior Basketball Finishes with a Strong Display of Team Defense

BY STEVE MITCHELL

After failing to qualify for the GMAA playoffs, Selwyn House was invited to try out for the QASA provincial tournament by participating in a play-off game for the Montreal area at Centennial Regional High School.

The odds were against our team, who play GMAA Division II, and who were pitted against the ever-powerful Division I players from Howard S. Billings High School in Chateauguay.

Nonetheless, under the leadership of coach Alfie Paoletti, the senior Gryphons jumped out to a stunning 10 point lead by the beginning of the third quarter. By selling his troops on the importance of defense and aggressive coverage, Coach Paoletti prepared his team extremely well for the contest, convincing both Billings' coaching staff and players that Selwyn House was hungry for the opportunity to go to the QASA final at McGill.

However, as our players became more fatigued, Billings narrowed the gap, eventually winning the hard-fought game by the tight score of 51-49.

Our team's effort against a superior offense is to be commended, as are the spirit and winning attitude of Coach Paoletti. Win or lose, our team left Centennial Regional with everyone's respect and admiration for coming within inches of performing the biggest upset of the year in high school basketball.

Selwyn's midget team shoots as their coach, Colin Boyle, looks on.

Wrestlers Compete at Provincials

BY STEVE MITCHELL

The Selwyn House wrestlers participated once again in the Provincial Wrestling Competition held March 2 and 3 at Vanier College in Montreal.

Coach Rob Moore was pleased with the results, the highlights of which included the capturing (by the Cadet Division) of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place by Tomek Nishijima, Seth Ross, and Thomas Sontag respectively.

In the Bantam Division, our team came in second overall with Adam Azimov, Andrew Johnston, and Michael Sanford all taking 1st place.

The returning wrestlers will certainly be a force to reckon with in the coming season and congratulations go out to all 20 competitors.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Pack Your Bags, We're Off to Europe!

In collaboration with Trafalgar School for Girls, Selwyn House is planning a trip to Greece and France. The trip is open to the Middle School and will take place during the March Break of 1997. Designed with the history and French curriculum in mind, this holistic educational and social opportunity is ideal for students who are serious learners. A Parent Information Evening will be held in early September of next year. For more information, contact Nancy Allard-Coutu at SHS (931-9481).

Back to School Basketball Camp

BY MARIA TRATT

SHS is hosting a basketball camp August 19-23, complete with 17.5 hours of basketball court time, full court games daily, and a focus on individual skills made possible by the low student to instructor ratio (6:1).

The camp welcomes girls and boys, providing mixed sessions for children aged 9-12, and separate sessions for those between 12-16.

The cost of $150 per session includes daily snacks and drinks, a personal evaluation, a camp T-shirt, and a pizza party. An early bird special of $135 is available if you sign up before April 20.

For more information, contact either Coach Colin Boyle or Coach Marty Boyle at 931-9481.

KidTech Returns

It promises to be another beautiful summer, and what better way to get it under way than with 12 days of activities at KidTech '96?

Open to both girls and boys from Kindergarten to Grade 5, the day camp offers computer activities, "Surfing the Net", science experiments designed for young children, arts, crafts, drama, recreation, and swimming.

Scheduled for June 12-28, KidTech provides a bridge between the end of school and the opening of most summer camps.

For more information, contact Ms. Brenda Montgomery at 931-9481.

Welcome...

A special welcome back to Mrs. Diana Kuilman. You were missed, and we are happy to have you among our ranks once again.

Congratulations! Carla Burke and her husband Jeff welcomed a boy, their first child, into the world on February 20. Tristan Charles Burke weighed in at 10 pounds 1 ounce and was delivered at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Both mother and child are doing well, and we look forward to Carla's return in September.

SHS extends a late welcome to Mr. Brian Aucoin who became the school's new business manager. Mr. Aucoin came on board as the assistant manager in May of last year before being asked to head up the office at the end of January 1996.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Maria Tratt, as the new editor of *The Parents' Newsletter* and *Veritas*. I look forward to your comments and suggestions and would also like to thank the staff for the warm welcome that I received upon acquiring this post. Your support and enthusiasm made the transition a smooth and pleasant one.